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SUBJECT: SSOD: SOVIET APPROACHES ON STATIONING OF

NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

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- 1. SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KOVALEV SOUGHT OUT WARNKE DURING HIS VISIT TO UN THIS MORNING TO PRESS FOR SOVIET POSITION ON (1) BANNING OF STATIONING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN AREAS WHERE SUCH WEAPONS ARE NOT NOW STATIONED AND (2) ON WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.
- 2. ON STATIONING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, KOVALEV ARGUED THAT IF US, LIKE SOVIET UNION, HAD NO CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR PLACEMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON TERRITORY OF STATES WHERE SUCH WEAPONS ARE NOT NOW STATIONED, BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD BENEFIT FROM SUCH A DECLARATION IN PROGRAM OF ACTION. KOVALEV EMPHASIZED HE DID NOT IMPLY ANY INQUIRY ABOUT PRESENT DISPOSITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WARNKE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD, OF COURSE, GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THIS ARGUMENT. WHEN ISSUE IS RAISED AGAIN, US DEL WILL DRAW ON GUIDANCE IN REFTEL (A). CONFIDENTIAL

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3. ON WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, KOVALEV ARGUED THAT EVENTUAL CONVENING OF SUCH A CONFERENCE COULD IMPLEMENT PROPOSALS OF SSOD. WARNKE REPLIED THAT WE REGARDED CONFERENCE IDEA AS PREMATURE AND COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE UNTIL GREATER RESULTS HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH OTHER MEANS, AND SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED

ALTERNATIVE OF REGIONAL DISARMAMENT CONFERENCES.

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